

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt comprising an endless high-tensile-strength belt of a plate and a belt main body made of elastic material and attached to an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt,
  - said high-tensile-strength belt having engagement holes arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction thereof, said engagement holes being to engage with engagement projections of a wheel,
  - said belt main body integrally including an endless base part attached all around an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt and a plurality of tread lugs formed spacedly on an outer periphery of said base part,
  - said high-tensile-strength belt being thin compared with said base part,
  - said belt main body (22)said base part covering said engagement holes and having escape recesses formed at locations corresponding to said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt, said escape recesses being to receive said engagement projections of said wheel.

2. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit comprising a plurality of wheels [(10)] disposed separately in a front and rear direction and a crawler belt [(20)] trained about said wheels, wherein

said crawler belt [(20)] comprises an endless high-tensile-strength belt [(21)] of a plate and a belt main body [(22)] made of elastic material and attached to an outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt, said high-tensile-strength belt [(21)] having engagement holes [(21a)] arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction thereof,

said belt main body integrally including an endless base part attached all around said outer periphery of said high-tensile-strength belt and a plurality of tread lugs formed spacedly on an outer periphery of said base part, said high-tensile-strength belt being thin compared with said base part,

~~said belt main body (22) said base part covering said engagement holes and having~~ escape recesses [(23a)] formed at locations corresponding to said engagement holes of said high-tensile-strength belt, and wherein

a driving wheel of said plurality of wheels [(10)] has engagement projections [(12a)] arranged at even intervals in a circumferential direction on an outer peripheral surface thereof, said engagement projections [(12a)] being adapted to be engaged with said engagement holes [(21a)] of said high-tensile-strength belt [(21)] of said crawler belt [(20)] and at the same time to enter said escape recesses [(23a)] of said belt main body [(22)].

3. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein outer peripheral surfaces of said plurality of wheels [(10)] are generally cylindrical surfaces.
4. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 3, wherein said engagement holes [(21a)] of said high-tensile-strength belt [(21)] have a generally circular shape, ~~and~~ said engagement projections [(12a)] of said wheel [(10)] have a generally semi-spherical shape ~~and said escape recesses of said base part have a generally semi-spherical shape.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein said crawler unit further comprises a pair of side plates ~~[[ (30) ]]~~ extending in a front and rear direction to cover opposite side surfaces of said plurality of wheels ~~[[ (10) ]]~~, said belt main body ~~[[ (22) ]]~~ comprising ~~an endless base part (23) and~~ shielding ~~brims~~ flanges ~~[[ (24, 24') ]]~~ continuously formed along an entire length on opposite sides of said base part, edges of said shielding ~~brims~~ flanges contacting peripheral edges of said side plates.
6. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein ~~said belt main body (22) includes an endless base part (23) and a plurality of tread lugs (26) formed spacedly on an outer periphery of and extending~~ said tread lugs ~~[[ (26) ]]~~ extend in a width direction of said base part ~~[[ (23) ]]~~, said tread lugs having a planar planar shape bent at least at one point, the height of said tread lugs being not less than 3 times and not greater than 7 times as large as ~~its~~ the thickness of said tread lugs.
7. - 9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt according to claim 1, wherein said belt main body ~~[[ (22) ]]~~ is attached only to the outer periphery of the high-tensile-strength belt (21) is ~~exposed~~.
11. (Currently Amended) A crawler belt according to claim 10, wherein the high-tensile-strength belt ~~[[ (21) ]]~~ is composed of a steel belt.
12. (Currently Amended) A crawler unit according to claim 2, wherein the high-tensile-strength belt ~~(21) is exposed and~~ directly contacts the outer peripheral surface of the wheel ~~[[ (10) ]]~~.